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SUBJECT: HAWATMEH DESCRIBES PLO INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL.

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1. PDFLP CHIEF NAYEF HAWATMEH, IN LEGNTHY ARTICLE
WRITTEN FOR NOV 18 ISSUE OF PDFLP WEEKLY AL HURRIYAH
(AND PROBABLY COMPOSED WITH NOV 19 TERRORIST RAID AT
BET SHEAN IN MIND), ELABORATED FURTHER ON PLO OBJECTIVES
VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC,
SECULAR PALESTINIAN STATE (PARA 2 REFTEL. AFTER
GLOATING THAT "PALESTINE HAS ENTERED HISTORY ANEW" AT
CURRENT UNGA DEBATE THANKS TO FEDAYEEN

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RELiance ON "ARMED STRUGGLE" AND "OUR REVOLUTIONARY,

SCIENTIFIC POLICIES", HE STATED THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY UNGA RESOLUTION WILL DEPEND ON CONTINUED WILLINGNESS OF ARAB STATES TO EMPLOY THEIR NEW-FOUND-MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MUSCLE IN SUPPORT OF PLO STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES. HAWATMEH DEFINED LATTER AS "CONTINUANCE OF STRUGGLE TO REGAIN PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, WHICH ARE INDEPENDENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL STATE ON TERRITORIES THAT ARE LIBERATED."

2. MATTER WOULD NOT RPT NOT STOP THERE, HOWEVER, SINCE HAWATMEHMADE CLEAR THAT "THIS WILL ONLY BE STEP TOWARD AN OVERALL AND DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION BASED ON UNITY OF PALESTINIAN HOMELAND IN SUBSEQUENT STAGES OF OUR STRUGGLE." HE IDENTIFIED THIS "SOLUTION" AS NONE OTHER THAN PLO'S "STRATEGIC GOAL" OF SINGLE DEMOCRATIC STATE, EMBRACING ALL RELIGIONS, "IN LIEU OF " ISRAEL. HAWATMEH ALSO INSISTED THAT UNGA RESOLUTION SHOULD GO BEHOND SC RES 242 (" WHICH DENIES NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE")-- I.E., IT MUST RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN'S RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND, EXERCISE SELF-DETERMINATION AND SET UP NATIONAL, INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE, AND IT SHOULD "NOT STOP AT 1967 BOUNDARIES BECAUSE THESE DENY HISTORICAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE".

3.HAWATMEH PREDICTED THAT "PALESTINE REVOLUTION WILL CONTINUE TO CLIMB LADDER OF HISTORY SO LONG AS IT FOLLOWS PATH OF ARMED STRUGGLE AND OBEYS SCIENTIFIC AND REVOLUTIONARY LAWS OF CONFLICT". IT WAS THIS POLICY, HE MAINTAINED, THAT HAD RALLIED ARAB SUPPORT FOR FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT, ACHIEVED "VICTORY" OVER KING HUSSEIN AND WON WIDESPREAD INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR PLO. IN LATTER CATEGORY, HAWATMEH PLACED "GREAT DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVED IN SOVIET SUPPORT FOR JUST CAUSE OF OUR PEOPLE" AND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE. ALL THIS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH "ARMED STRUGGLE AND OUR SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTIONARY POLICY" WARBLD HAWATMEH, CONCLUDING: "HE WHO GRASPS MOVEMENT OF HISTORY WILL HAVE HISTORY ON HIS SIDE; HE WHO DOES NOT, WILL BE BETRAYED BY HISTORY."

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4. COMMENT: HAWATMEH'S ARTICLE ADHERES FAITHFULLY TO STANDARD PLO LINE WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO HEAR FOR MANY MONTHS. WHEN STRIPPED OFTRADITIONAL FEDAYEEN JARGON AND SLOGANEERING, HIS VIEWS ECHO THOSE ENUNCIATED BY "ARAFAT BEFORE UNGA ON NOV 13. CAN BE ARGUED, OF COURSE, THAT BOTH MEN TAILORED THEIR REMARKS PRIMARILY FOR CONSUMPTION OF PALESTINIAN "MASSES" AND THAT THEY EXPECT -- WITHOUT DARING TO SAY SO -- THIS LINE WILL NOT RPT

NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY ISRAEL, US AND WORLD AT LARGE.
IF THIS IS SO, PLO LEADERSHIP IS PROVING ITSELF INVINCIBLY
IGNORANT OF ADVERSE REACTION WHICH SUCH IMMODERATE STATEMENTS
EVOKE IN ISRAEL AND ELSEWHERE. IF
'ARAFAT, HAWATMEH AND OTHER SO-CALLED PLO "MODERATES"
REALLY WISH TO APPEAR "CONSTRUCTIVE" AND PUT THEIR
BEST FOOT FORWARD AT UN IN HOPES OF ATTAINING SOME
MORE RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN ASSOCIATION WITH ME SETTLE-
MENT EFFORT, THEY ARE GOING ABOUT DOING SO IN TERRIBLY
SELF-DEFEATING AND SILLY FASHION. AS FOR SOVS, THEIR
UNHAPPINESS OVER PLO'S CONTINUING INABILITY TO RECONCILE
ITSELF TO FACT OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE (MOSCOW 17512 AND
BEIRUT 13742) IS NOT RPT NOT LIKELY TO BE ASSUAGED BY
HAWATMEH'S ARTICLE OR BY HIS LATEST TERRORIST ADVEN-
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